

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1 A shroud for digging machines is provided with a generally elongated panel of  
flexible material. A pair of brackets secures the opposite end portions of the panel to  
the frame of a digging machine, adjacent its ground engaging features. The flexible  
5 panel is positioned to receive ejected ground material and safely project it laterally from  
the ground engaging features to prevent the injury of individuals near the digging  
machine and prevent the ground material from refilling the newly formed opening in the  
ground. A biasing system is provided at the opposite end portions of the panel to  
10 prevent the panel from coming into contact with the ground engaging features of the  
digging machine.